

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES—GENERAL

Case No. CV 23-2089-MWF(Ex)

Date: October 3, 2024

Title: *G.W.B., et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.*

Present: The Honorable MICHAEL W. FITZGERALD, U.S. District Judge

Deputy Clerk:
Rita Sanchez

Court Reporter:
Not Reported

Attorneys Present for Plaintiff:
None Present

Attorneys Present for Defendant:
None Present

Proceedings (In Chambers): ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

On April 10, 2024, the Court granted the Ex Parte Application of Plaintiffs' prior counsel, James Paul Gutierrez, Esq., to withdraw. (*See* Order, Docket No. 37). Mr. Gutierrez was ordered to file proof of service of the Order on Plaintiffs. (*See* Proof of Service, Docket No. 38). The Order stayed this action for 45 days to allow the non-attorney guardians for Plaintiffs to retain counsel.

On August 13, 2024, the Court issued an Order directing Plaintiffs to show cause (the "OSC"), by no later than September 3, 2024, why the action should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution. (Docket No. 40). As of October 1, 2024, Plaintiffs have not filed a response or any documents responsive to the OSC. However, it is not clear to the Court that Plaintiffs received notice of the OSC.

The Court now directs chambers staff to mail the Withdrawal Order, the OSC, and this Order, to Plaintiffs at the addresses listed on the Proof of Service:

Danielle Orcher, guardian ad litem for Plaintiffs G.W.B., R.T.O.

Claudia Ochoa, individually and as guardian ad litem for Plaintiffs M.A.B.

Raul Barrios, individually and as successor-in-interest to Wilson Barrios.

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The Court will extend the stay in this action one final time, to **NOVEMBER 1, 2024**. If Plaintiffs Claudia Ochoa and Raul Barrios have not filed notice of their intent to proceed pro se, and no appearance of counsel on behalf of Plaintiffs G.W.B., R.T.O., and M.A.B., has been filed by that date, this matter will be dismissed without prejudice for lack of prosecution.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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